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Fixing Our Schools From the Bottom Up: THE COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL REFORM

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- < When Members of the Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations conducted their extensive *Education at a Crossroads* project – an intensive review of the Federal Government’s role in education – they found that successful efforts to make schools better all shared the following characteristics:
- *Promoting parental involvement.*
 - *Making community involvement a high priority.*
 - *Focusing on academic basics.*
 - *Using education dollars in classrooms rather than bureaucracies.*
 - *Providing students with a safe and health learning environment.*
- < These characteristics show up time after time in the many State, local, and private reform efforts now going on across the country.
- < These traits will be the emphasis of a House Budget Committee hearing Thursday, looking at ways that States, localities, and private citizens are working to fix our schools from the bottom up. The hearing will be at 10:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Cannon House Office Building.